



**SKATER/PARENT INFORMATION
POST THIS ON YOUR FRIDGE – YOU WILL NEED IT IN THE COMING WEEKS**

1. KEY DATES

Thursday, March 14 – Saturday, April 6 – REHEARSALS

- Rehearsal schedule is posted in the arena lobby and on our website.
- **NOTE:** The schedule is different on March 14, 15, 16 and April 6 – check ALL schedules carefully to see if you have rehearsals on those days.
- Regular skating sessions are available during rehearsal weeks at no cost to Ice Show StarSkaters (Novice-Gold). See the schedule for days and times. There will be no stroking sessions or group lessons, but you may book private lessons directly with your coach if you wish.
- Before you arrive for rehearsal, be sure your skater has HARD skate guards. **HARD SKATE GUARDS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN THE SKATER IS NOT ON THE ICE.** Cut them to fit the length of the skate blades, and label them. This is a safety measure for all skaters.

Thursday March 14 – Saturday March 23 – PHOTOS

- Group pictures will be taken for the program the first week of rehearsals ONLY. Many skaters like to wear their ice show t-shirts for photos. This is our only chance to take program photos, so be sure to attend. (Additional photos will be taken by a professional photographer during Thursday's dress rehearsal – see p. 3).

Monday March 4th - DEDICATION SALES OPEN ONLINE

- Dedications are personal messages to skaters or coaches that are printed in the program.
- Dedication messages must be created early because the program needs to go to print.
- Visit the table in the lobby for more information, or ask at the office.
- 3 Sizes available:
 - Large (1/2 page) = \$40
 - Medium (1/4 page) = \$25
 - Small (1/8 page) = \$15
- 100% of sales goes directly to Ice Show production.
- Dedication sales close Saturday, March 23rd.

Week of March 18th – ICE SHOW TICKET SALES OPEN ONLINE

- Link to online ticket sales from the home page of our website (www.markhamskatingclub.com). Or go directly to onstagedirect.com/msc. Buy early – the best seats go fast!
- Two price levels: \$30 for pre-assigned seats (north end of ice or ice-level at east or west sides) or \$25 for general admission (the permanent arena stands on the west side of the arena).
- Skaters who are only in the 1st half of the show may join their families in the audience for the 2nd half. *Skaters watching the 2nd half MUST HAVE A TICKET.* 'Second half' tickets are \$15, and are also available online when ticket sales open.
- For more ticket info call the MSC office at 905-472-6982 or email: info@markhamskatingclub.com.

Monday, April 8th – Thursday April 11th – PRODUCTION WEEK: FULL SHOW RUN-THROUGHS (DETAILED INFORMATION FOR EACH DAY STARTS ON PAGE 3)

- These four days are full run-throughs of the show, so all skaters are needed every day.
- *Even though we have two tech rehearsals and two dress rehearsals, everyone needs to go to all of them. This week the arena will look VERY different, and the skaters need to learn spacing. It is also important for the skaters to get used to skating in costume, coming out from the curtain, and more. The lighting crew needs everyone there so they can learn where skaters will be on the ice.*
- This week, skaters get used to getting to and from their dressing rooms to the ice, and the dressing room volunteers get to know their skaters.
- Don't worry, the younger skaters leave early!
- Eat dinner before arriving. Snacks/treats will be sold in the lobby.

Friday, April 12th – Sunday, April 14th – PERFORMANCES!

- Every skater is in all four performances:
Friday, April 12th (7pm) / Saturday, April 13th (1pm) / Saturday, April 13th (7pm) / Sunday, April 14th (1pm)

2. SHOW ORDER

FIRST HALF	SECOND HALF
<p>Scene 1: Opening Opening Line Opening Solo</p> <p>Scene 2: The Distraction Peppa's Pigs Gabby's Cats + Gabby Nevermore Spirits + Enid Sinclair Wednesday Addams Solo</p> <p>Scene 3: Hollywood North Umbrella Academy Anne with an E The Mask Solo Barbies & Kens</p> <p>Scene 4: Fun Times in Ontario Fran & Sue Duet</p> <p>Canada's Wonderland Carousel Ride Ponies + Woodstock & Sally Lucys & Charlies Leviathan</p> <p>Ripley's Aquarium Seahorses Tropical Fish + Dory & Nemo Mermaids Trio</p> <p>Metro Toronto Zoo Lion Cubs + The Lion King Tigers Zebras</p> <p>Toronto Raptors</p>	<p>Scene 1: Diamonds & Gold Junior Markettes Golden Blades Guest Skater</p> <p>Scene 2: Cottage Country Blue Rodeo Fireflies Shooting Stars Duet Wake Chasers + Wake Watch Lifeguard</p> <p>Scene 3: Our Nation's Capital Winterlude + Tessa Virtue & Shae-Lynne Bourne Alanis Morissette Solo Maple Leafs in the Capital + Superfans</p> <p>Scene 4: Musical Stars Lightfoot Luminaries Bryan Adams The Willowites + The Willows The Weeknd Solo</p> <p>Scene 5: Closing Guest Skater Closing Line</p> <p>Finale</p>

3. SHOW RUN THROUGHS / PRODUCTION REHEARSALS—MONDAY, APRIL 8 & TUESDAY, APRIL 9

- Rehearsals start at 5:00 pm – PLEASE BE ON TIME. (Exception: adult court may arrive at 7pm).
- BOTH these days are full run-throughs of the show in sequence with staging, props, lighting, and music.
- On Monday and Tuesday ONLY:
 - Snacks ARE permitted as skaters are not in costume
 - Parents may sit in the stands or lobby during production rehearsals, but not backstage with skaters.
 - If you wish to volunteer to assist in the dressing rooms, contact us at info@markhamskatingclub.com
- **Monday, April 8 – PJ DAY.** Wear your PJs to skate in! Wear something warm underneath.
- **Tuesday, April 9 – TACKY TUESDAY.** Wear colourful, fun “tacky” outfits.
- Between on-ice rehearsal times, skaters will sit backstage in the stands (supervised by our dressing room volunteers). Skaters should dress warmly as it can be cold. Bring jackets and blankets!
 - Bring homework, books or small activities. NO MARKERS, please.
 - We cannot be responsible for personal belongings: label EVERYTHING and consider leaving electronics at home.
- **Skaters who are in the FIRST HALF ONLY must be picked up from the dressing room supervisors when their production rehearsal is over (approximately 7:30 pm).** They may not stay to watch the second half.
- Skaters who are in BOTH HALVES OF THE SHOW should finish by 9:45 pm.
- NOTE: Opening line and opening solo rehearse with the second half.

Monday and Tuesday: 1st half finishes at approximately 7:30pm; 2nd half at approximately 9:45pm.
Note that these are not exact times. It is difficult to be specific as we smooth out the show; please be patient.

4. DRESS REHEARSALS – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 & THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Dress rehearsals are a complete run-through of the show in full costume, hair, makeup, and lighting.
Eat before arriving; skaters may not eat, drink or chew gum in costume Wednesday through Sunday.

Skaters need to arrive with hair and makeup done.
Costumes remain at the arena; skaters get in costume when they arrive.

On dress rehearsal & performance days, only pre-registered volunteers are permitted in the building.
Spectators are NOT permitted in the lobby or the stands.

- **Wednesday and Thursday, skaters arrive at 5:30 (hair and makeup done). Dress rehearsals START at 6:00 pm.** There may be a line-up to check in, so arriving at 5:30 is important.
- *Skaters will be signed in and out by parents/guardians at drop off and pick up.*
- *Skaters will be supervised at all times by dressing room volunteers until parents return to sign out their skaters.*
- *We are still looking for a few more dressing room volunteers: **to sign up to be a dressing room volunteer contact us at info@markhamskatingclub.com***

PHOTOS ON THURSDAY APRIL 11th – a professional figure skating photographer will shoot the entire dress rehearsal. Photos will be made available in the weeks after the show, and there is no fee for these photos, as the cost is included in your ice show registration fee. At the end of the first half rehearsal we will photograph a full first-half group shot on the ice (skates on). At the end of the evening we will take a full second-half group shot.

Dress Rehearsal Days: 1st half finishes at approx. 8:15pm; 2nd half at approx. 9:45pm.
Note that these are not exact times. It is difficult to be certain; we appreciate your patience.

5. DRESSING ROOMS & CHECK-IN

There are two check-in doors. Where you check in depends on your skater(s) court/courts. (see below)

- If you are a dressing room volunteer, arrive with your skater at the appropriate check-in door to pick up your volunteer badge and proceed to your dressing room.
- If you are NOT a dressing room volunteer, check your skater in before rehearsal or show time (see sections 3 and 4 above for arrival times) and pick your skater up at the same door after the show. If your skater is only in the first half, pick up is at intermission. Do NOT try to sign out your skater as soon as they finish skating. Pickup is at intermission, or show's end.

Exception: Carousel Ride Ponies may be picked up immediately after they finish. *But if you are watching the show, please be considerate of skaters and audience members – choose an appropriate time to leave your seat.*

- ALL skaters must be signed in and out every day.

Check-in/check-out locations and assigned dressing rooms are as follows:

Skater's Level	Skater's Court	Check-In/Check-Out Door	Dressing Rooms
BOYS			
BOYS PreCanSkate	Carousel Ride Ponies	Red Door Next to the Zamboni Garage (south of the recycling depot)	Waxers Dressing Room
	Nemos	Main Arena Lobby Entrance (north-east wall)	Lobby Boardroom
BOYS CanSkate	Charlies Nemos Tigers	Main Arena Lobby Entrance (north-east wall)	Lobby Boardroom
BOYS Novice, Junior Senior, Advanced, Alumni	Bryan Adams Golden Blades Kens Maple Leafs Raptors Wake Chasers Winterlude	Main Arena Lobby Entrance (north-east wall)	Dressing Room 2
GIRLS			
GIRLS PreCanSkate	Carousel Ride Ponies	Red Door Next to the Zamboni Garage (south of the recycling depot)	Waxers Dressing Room
	Dorys	Main Arena Lobby Entrance (north-east wall)	Upstairs Hall
GIRLS CanSkate	Anne with An E. Dorys Gabby's Cats Lion Cubs Lucys Peppa's Pigs Seahorses	Main Arena Lobby Entrance (north-east wall)	Upstairs Hall

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GIRLS (Continued)			
GIRLS Novice	Barbies Blue Rodeo Seahorses Winterlude Zebras	Main Arena Lobby Entrance (north-east wall)	Upstairs Hall
GIRLS Junior	Barbies	Main Arena Lobby Entrance (north-east wall)	Upstairs Hall & Dressing Room 3
	Blue Rodeo	Main Arena Lobby Entrance (north-east wall)	Upstairs Hall
	Fireflies Nevermore Sprits Willowites Zebras	Main Arena Lobby Entrance (north-east wall)	Dressing Room 3
GIRLS Senior	Junior Markettes Leviathan Maple Leafs Umbrella Academy Willowites	Red Door Next to the Zamboni Garage (south of the recycling depot)	Dressing Room 4
GIRLS Advanced/Gold	Barbies Closing Junior Markettes Opening Raptors Wake Chasers	Red Door Next to the Zamboni Garage (south of the recycling depot)	Dressing 4 & 5
	Golden Blades	Red Door Next to the Zamboni Garage (south of the recycling depot)	Dressing Room 5
GIRLS Adult	Lightfoot Luminaries	Red Door Next to the Zamboni Garage (south of the recycling depot)	Waxer Room
GIRLS Alumni	Bryan Adams	Red Door Next to the Zamboni Garage (south of the recycling depot)	Waxer Room

Important Production Week Notes

- Men are not permitted in girls' dressing rooms (female court supervisors will assist young skaters).
- Skaters must stay with their court for the entire rehearsal; they are supervised until they are finished.
- Between on-ice rehearsal times, skaters sit backstage in the stands (supervised by adult volunteers). Skaters should bring loose, warm clothing that will fit easily over top of their costumes.
 - Wear jackets and pack blankets.
 - Pack homework, books or small activities (no markers, please). LABEL EVERYTHING.
 - On Dress Rehearsal days, all "first half only" skaters MUST be picked up when the first half rehearsal is over (approx. 8:15 pm).
- All skaters must be signed out at the same doors where they checked in (See page 4 & 5).

6. SHOW DAYS! (FRIDAY APRIL 12th, SATURDAY APRIL 13th & SUNDAY APRIL 14th)

- Performance times: EVERYONE is in ALL FOUR SHOWS!
 - Friday, April 12th – 7pm
 - Saturday, April 13th – 1pm & 7pm (for skaters in both halves of the show, the turnaround from the end of the 1pm show and the call time for the 7pm show is shorter than it seems. Plan a fast dinner!)
 - Sunday April 14th – 1pm ONLY (there is no Sunday evening show).
- EVERYONE on show days – arrive an hour before the show (6pm or 12 noon).
 - **Exception: Carousel Ride Ponies arrive HALF an hour before each show.**
- EVERYONE must SIGN IN at their designated check-in door (see page 4 & 5). From there, skaters will be escorted to their assigned dressing room.
- **Carousel Ride Ponies may be picked up immediately after they skate (same location as drop off). Our “best guess” for timing is around 8pm for evening shows and 3pm for matinées.**

No video recording or flash photography is permitted. Flash photography is dangerous for the skaters. A professional videographer is recording all performances, and videos will be available for purchase.

7. SKATES, HELMETS, HAIR, MAKEUP & COSTUMES

Skates:

- **HARD SKATE GUARDS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN THE SKATER IS NOT ON THE ICE.** Cut them to fit the length of the skate blades. Label them!
- Skates should be sharpened just before (or at the beginning of) production week – NOT on show day.
- Skate laces must be tucked into the top of the skate boots. LONG LACES ARE HAZARDOUS.
- Boot covers may be provided as part of the costume depending on your skate design /colour.

Helmets:

- Pre-Canskaters and CanSkaters who currently wear helmets in their lessons will still wear their helmets for the shows. Face masks (cages) are optional. Please do not remove the cage if you or your skater is uncomfortable without it.

Hair:

- All female skaters should wear their hair in a ponytail, using a hair elastic that is close to the skater’s hair colour.
 - Exception: skaters with helmets should have hair secured away from the face, with long hair tied back.
- Use plenty of gel and hairspray to smooth hair down. No wispy hairs around the head, please.
- **Do NOT use hairpins or barrettes.** They are extremely dangerous to skaters if they drop on the ice.
- Hair accessories (scrunchies, bows, ribbons, etc...) may be provided as part of some costumes. When changing out of costume, be sure to put all accessories back in the baggie provided with your costume and attach it to the hanger.

Makeup/Accessories:

- All female skaters are responsible for purchasing and applying their own make-up.
 - Black mascara, red (darker) lipstick, blush and glittery eye shadow is recommended.
 - If they wish, Pre-CanSkaters and CanSkaters can wear pink “rosy cheeks”. No other makeup is required. DO NOT SHARE MAKEUP.
- Skaters may not wear anything that could fall onto the ice: no hairpins, no pierced earrings, no other jewelry. These items cause an EXTREME hazard to skaters. (MedicAlert bracelets/necklaces are the only exception).

Costumes:

- **Costumes are the property of the Markham Skating Club.** They must remain in the dressing rooms at all times. Do not take costumes, headpieces or accessories home for any reason. If you have concerns, advise a court supervisor/dressing room volunteer.
- **All skaters must ensure undergarments (t-shirts, bras, tank tops, underwear) do not show** once the costumes are on. Strapless bras or clear straps are recommended. Speak to your court supervisor/dressing room volunteer if you have questions.
- **Female skaters in the following groups and courts require tights:**
 - ALL skaters in Anne with an E, Lucys, Seahorses, and Peppa's Pigs.
 - ALL girls in novice, junior, senior, advanced, gold, and adult courts.
- **Tights may be purchased at the MSC office or the snack bar during rehearsals – we have a range of sizes. You may also purchase directly from the Figure Skating Boutique (Mondor footed bamboo tights, colour "Suntan").**

Other Helpful Hints & Reminders:

- Remember you must have HARD skate guards, labeled with the skater's name.
- Bring a hairbrush, fine-toothed comb, extra hairspray, gel and makeup. Mirrors will be provided.
- Bring a bag for your street clothes and other belongings.
- Wear clothes that do not have to be pulled over your head (because skaters arrive with hair and makeup done).
- Bring a coat and blanket.
- Eat before coming!

8. WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR MORE FUN STUFF!**Coming Soon:**

- Ticket sales open the week of March 18.
- Dedication sales close March 23.
- Ice Show Video purchase details will be released in April.
- Details on purchasing flowers for your skater(s) on show day are coming soon.
- It's cold in the arena, especially after sitting for a while. We will be selling MSC-branded blankets and seat cushions before the show.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at info@markhamskatingclub.com.